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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS BASED ON ANTICHOLINERGICS AND
CORTICOSTEROIDS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 4, 2002, OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of December 4, 2002. In that Office Action, a three month shortened statutory period was set for response. Applicants hereby petition for the necessary extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize that the fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 in connection with this Amendment be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. The necessary fee is paid by the enclosed Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17). Furthermore, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), please cancel claims 2, 6, 11 to 14, 24, 40 to 58, 61, and 62 and amend claims 1, 3 to 5, 7 to 10, 15 to 23, 25 to 39, 59, 60, and 63 to 66 by rewriting them in clean form as follows (the marked up version of the amended claims follows the Remarks).

--1. (Amended) An inhalable powder pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- (a) a tiotropium salt;
- (b) a steroid; and
- (c) a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient selected from glucose, arabinose, lactose, saccharose, and maltose.--

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